

## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Salman Akram

Serial No.: 09/388,031

Filed: September 1, 1999

For: METALLIZATION STRUCTURES FOR

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

INTERCONNECTS, METHODS FOR MAKING SAME, AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

**INCLUDING SAME** 

Confirmation No.: 3303

Examiner: E. Lee

Group Art Unit: 2815

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action mailed September 4, 2003, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on December 4, 2003. This response is submitted on or before two months from the mailing date of the Final Office Action.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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